

Mokena Fire Protection District

MOKENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TRUSTEES' MEETING April 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Mokena Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at Mokena Fire Station #1 at 6:00 PM.

Present: President William Haas, Treasurer Ken Blank, Secretary Robert Hennessy, Trustee Craig Warning, Trustee Dennis Burkhardt, Chief Joe Cirelli, Assistant Chief Rick Campbell, Recording Secretary Nancy Feigel

Visitors: Friends and Family of Brandon Ciara, David Porter, Jacob Ruhbeck

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL

Robert Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022, Trustee meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

Robert Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022, Closed Session meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNION REPORT

None

FINANCE REPORT

Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to accept the Monthly Statement as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

The cost recovery billing information was reviewed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Robert Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Craig Warning, to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$164,886.87 as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Trustee Hennessy congratulated the three firemen who will be sworn in later in the meeting.

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CALENDAR AND CHECKLIST

The Trustees should file their Statements of Economic Interest with the County Clerk.

The tentative budget and appropriation ordinance will be prepared for the May Trustee meeting.

The insurance coverages have been reviewed.

The appointment of a Fire Commissioner is an agenda item later in the meeting.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

The code enforcement report and community risk reduction surveys were reviewed by the Board.

ASSISTANT CHIEF CAMPBELL'S REPORT

Engine 92 (HME) is at Chandler Services to have the front bumper replaced and the officer side cab repaired from damage that occurred approximately three years ago. A claim was submitted at that time to our insurance and money was received; however, due to other vehicles being out-of-service, it was not repaired at that time. The approximate cost of repairs is \$7,700.

Emergency Vehicle Technologies has completed the upfitting of the emergency lighting and radios on the new 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe.

We have received one inquiry in the last month from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus for the 2009 HME/Alexis engine. The current listing price is \$151,900.

ITR Systems has started the final phase of the Honeywell Access Control systems and is scheduled to be completed in approximately one month.

We have completed the week-long employee orientation and training for the new firefighter. Following the orientation and training, the new firefighter is assigned to Gold shift at Station 1.

The April training calendar was reviewed by the Board.

FIRE CHIEF CIRELLI'S REPORT

Congratulations to Dan and Lindsey Reimer on the birth of their new baby boy, Camden.

Welcome to Andrew Pavnica who began working as a firefighter/paramedic with the MFPD on April 4.

On March 31, A/C Cirelli served as an assessor for the Deputy Director assessment center at Laraway Communications Center. Nine candidates participated in a comprehensive assessment center. There will be a good pool of candidates to select from.

The Worker's Compensation renewal from Illinois Public Risk Fund has been received and will be ratified at the next Board meeting.

A draft copy of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget was distributed for review. The approval of the tentative budget will be an agenda item at the May meeting.

After 27 years of full-time service, Lt. Mark Sickles has submitted his retirement notice, which will be effective July 1, 2022.

We have one member out on a duty-related back injury. The Fire Commissioners will be meeting soon to approve a temporary appointment to engineer, which will help with overtime costs.

The spring Senior's Luncheon will be held on May 16.

Lt. Sickles has provided fire and life safety plan reviews for non-complex buildings over the past 27 years. Complex plan reviews, and those including suppression systems, have been reviewed by the Village of Mokena's consultant, Check Kesling. Chuck has recently retired, and the Village of Mokena has transitioned to a new consultant. With Lt. Sickles' upcoming retirement, we will need to find another method of providing plan review services. A Request for Proposal (RFP) for plan review services will be issued, the results analyzed, and a recommendation brought before the Board in the next month or two.

A/C Cirelli attended the March 28 Village of Mokena board meeting and was presented with a wooden flag from a young resident, Mr. Seth Mendoza. Seth was present at the board meeting to be recognized for winning the state wrestling championship. Seth created the wooden flag, which will be displayed in one of our fire stations.

The Foreign Fire Insurance Board is proposing to purchase a PVC semi-privacy fence for the patio area at Station 1. FFIB will use their funds for this project. There was no objection from the Board.

Eleven Customer Satisfaction Surveys received in the past month were shared with the Board.

MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORTS

The Trustees reviewed the monthly alarm reports for March.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Lt. Sickles announcing his retirement was shared with the Board.

The Mokena Patch published an article regarding our upcoming babysitting classes.

APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER SURDEL TO FIRE COMMISSION

Chris Surdel's term as Fire Commissioner is up in May. Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to appoint Christopher Surdel to another three-year term as Fire Commissioner. Motion passed with all ayes.

PAINTING OF STATION #1 BAY DOORS

The exterior garage doors at Station 1 are greatly in need of paint. We have received a quote from Moffat Painting and Decorating to repaint the exterior garage doors and service doors at Station 1, at a cost of approximately \$3,000. Dennis Burkhardt made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to hire Moffat Painting and Decorating for the job. Motion passed with all ayes.

CLOSED SESSION

Ken Blank made a motion at 6:40 PM, seconded by Craig Warning, to enter Closed Session for personnel matters. Motion passed with all ayes.

The Trustees returned to Open Session at 6:58 PM.

ACTION UPON CLOSED SESSION IF REQUIRED

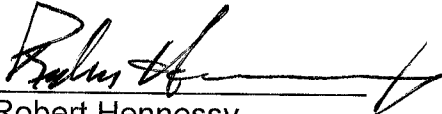
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SWEARING IN CEREMONY

A ceremony was held for FF/PM Brandon Ciara, FF/PM David Porter and FF/PM Jacob Ruhbeck, who have completed their one year of probation with the Mokena FPD. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Pastor Tom Newton opened in prayer. Trustee Bill Haas read the Oath of Office to each firefighter followed by the badge pinning.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM after a motion by Robert Hennessy.


Robert Hennessy
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Recording Secretary: Nancy Feigel